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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a telephone conversation between the Examiner and the Attorney for Applicant on January 3, 2004. During the telephone conversation, the undersigned and the Examiner discussed the proposed amendments below, which are being submitted from consideration by the Examiner in examining the patentability of the present invention.